

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 25 August 2026

52 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

In attendance: Cllrs Kimber (Chair), Delahoy, Fowler, McKelvey, Salt, Shepherd and Walsh.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Heyworth.

Members of the public: None

53 PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

a) **Members Interests** - to remind members of the need to declare any interests they might have in relation to items on this agenda: None

b) **Cllr vacancies:** 1

c) **Cllr email addresses**

It was noted that one Cllr was still using their personal email address.

Resolved that the Cllr contact P3 Computers to facilitate the switch to the new government domain email.

d) **Facebook page and website update.**

Resolved to:

i) note the update.

ii) check if files could be added direct to the page or to continue adding them via a link to the parish council's website.

iii) add the parish council's response to Calderdale Energy park's statutory consultation.

iv) that Cllrs circulate the Facebook link to relevant groups.

54 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA: None.

55 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None.

56 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: 28 July 2026

Resolved that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

57 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES: All covered under existing agenda items.

58 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan

Resolved to:

i) note that there had been no update.

ii) ask Ward Cllr Courtney if the action plan was to be continued now that the council was led by Reform.

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative:

Resolved to note the update including the upcoming 25.09.26 Food for Thought Talk and the October harvest festival.

59 CLERK'S REPORT: All covered under existing agenda items.

60 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Receipts** – Previous month

i) Garage/Parking space/Allotment rent £68.29

b) **Items for payment:**

i) Salaries/PAYE (gross) £775.63

ii) Employer national insurance £53.79

iii) Allowance and reimbursement:

- computer allowance £20.83

- home working allowance £18.58

	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iv)	N Goddard – printing paper (inc. VAT)	£6.99
v)	Wadsworth Environment Group – annual insurance	£122.99
vi)	Wrigleys Solicitors (inc. VAT)	£1920.00
vii)	Cllr Heyworth – hay rake for Old Town Green	£18.00

c) **Financial reporting**

- i) Bank reconciliations (monthly)
- ii) To agree/note bank transfer
- iii) Budget monitoring (quarterly)
- iv) VAT Return (quarterly)

Resolved to receive the reports and approve the payments.

d) **Grants:**

- i) **Community Grants:** None
- ii) **WPC grants:** None

61 **CORRESPONDENCE:** All covered under existing agenda items.

62 **PLANNING:**

- a) **New Applications:** None
- b) **Applications received after agenda issue:**

- i) **26/00655/FUL** Garage and store - Little Nook Farm Dike Lane Old Town HX7 8TS **PENDING**

Resolved to object to the application in principle as it was unclear what the reasoning behind the building was, and further the potential impact it would have on the bridleway.

c) **Decisions made by Calderdale Council:**

Resolved to note the decisions, and in relation to the following applications further note: Agenda item ii)

25/01249/COU Change of use from public house (Sui Generis) to a single residential dwelling (Class C3) - Hare and Hounds Inn Lane Ends Lane Old Town HX7 8TN **PENDING**

Resolved to note that the status of the application was still pending despite the understanding being that the owners/agents had indicated that it had been withdrawn.

Agenda item iv)

26/00001/NSIP Calderdale Energy Park development consent order - Walshaw Dean Widdop Road (related to previous application 25/06014/EIA Environmental Impact Assessment Calderdale Energy Park) **PENDING**

Resolved to:

- i) thank Cllr Shepherd for her hard work and detailed update.
- ii) Cllr Shepherd to provide a presentation at the Joint Parishes meeting on the 14.09.26.
- iii) Cllr Shepherd to send the key bullet points to Cllr Kimber to inform a letter to be sent to the Head of Calderdale Planning.
- iv) Cllr Shepherd to compile a letter to be sent by the Parish Council to Josh Fenton Glynn MP.
- v) note that Josh Fenton Glynn MP had not replied to repeated requests to attend a Wadsworth Parish Council meeting and/or a Joint Parishes meeting.

d) **Other:** None

63 **ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATION MATTERS:**

- a) **Blocking of Footpath 73, sections 2, 4 and 6**

Resolved that Cllr Salt chase the Community Safety Warden regarding this issue.

b) Fly tipping at top of Haworth Old Road

Resolved that Cllr Fowler contacts the Lancashire and Walshaw Estate regarding this issue.

c) Pecket Well dangerous bend

Resolved to note that this was raised again at the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting and also directly with Highways, and it had been reported that the plan to install double yellow lines had been passed to an engineer who would report back re timescale.

d) Dangerous Parking at Springwood Terrace

Resolved to note that Calderdale would ask the Police Constable Support Officers (PCSOs) to take a look.

e) Bus stop at Pecket Well

Resolved to:

- i) note that it was difficult to see the bus coming up the hill due to the overgrown vegetation down hill from the bus stop.
- ii) contact Calderdale Highways.

f) Pothole filling at Old Town Mill lane

Resolved to note that some of the potholes had been filled.

64 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) Allotments:

i) Cllrs report re allotments state and size at Carr Head and Pecket Bar, incl allot 6b

Resolved to defer this item till the next meeting.

b) Garages and parking spaces

Resolved to note the update.

65 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) Bi-weekly inspections

Resolved that Cllrs Kimber and Heyworth carry out the bi-weekly checks.

b) Old Town Play area:

i) Grass cutting update

Resolved to note the update, and further note that the grass had now been cut.

ii) Painting of play equipment

Resolved to note that so far no one wanted to quote to paint the play equipment.

iii) Repairs to benches

Resolved to chase the quote.

iv) Northern Gas discarded equipment at side of the Green

Resolved to chase Northern Power Grid regarding this.

c) Pecket Well play area:

i) Friends of PW - Playground improvements update.

Resolved to receive the update and to simplify the parish council form for small public events.

66 COUNCIL LAND AND ASSET MATTERS

a) Asset repairs update

Resolved to receive the update.

b) Wadsworth Community Association - lease update

Resolved to chase the solicitor regarding the remaining queries.

c) Proposed shelter at Old Town bowling green.

Resolved that there was no objection to the placement of the shelter.

d) Wadsworth Community Centre – title deed details.

Resolved to:

- i) note that the land registry title deed did not contain any mention of covenants.
- ii) in light of the above, WCA may wish to consider registering the building as an Asset of Community Value.
- iii) that a land registry property alert be added for the community centre.

e) **Wadsworth Environment Group** update.

Resolved to receive the update.

f) **Defibrillator** update.

Resolved to:

- i) note the update and order the appropriate batteries and pads.
- ii) Cllr Kimber to receive and install them.
- iii) ask the residents group and/or the National Trust who was checking the defibrillator at the toilets at Hardcastle Crag.

g) **District Valuer Service**

Resolved to note that it appeared that this service was for council assets not private or community assets.

67 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) **Meeting reports:**

i) Safer Cleaner Greener 17.08.26

In attendance: Cllr Kimber

Resolved to note that for the fourth meeting in a row, Calderdale Highways did not attend. To further note that the lack of a single bin in Pecket Well and the reduction in the number of bins at the Green at Old Town had been raised again.

ii) Wadsworth Environment Group

In attendance: Cllr Walsh

b) **Upcoming meetings:**

i) Joint Parishes meeting 14.09.26 The Space, Hebden Bridge Town Hall
Attending: Vice Chair Cllr McKelvey to chair the meeting and Cllr Shepherd to present a windfarm update. All Cllrs encouraged to attend.

ii) Joint Parishes Cllr Training 17.09.26 Hebden Bridge Town Hall.
Attending: Cllrs Kimber, Delahoy, Fowler, Heyworth and McKelvey.

Resolved to receive the reports and updates.

68 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Monthly council meeting 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 22.09.26

Advance apologies: None

Meeting ended: 9.05pm

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